

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A loop member (100) for a mechanical fastener comprising a nonwoven web (105), said nonwoven web (105) having a pattern of intersecting bond lines (110), said pattern comprising a first plurality of linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines (120) and a second plurality of ~~non-linear~~ non-intersecting continuous bond lines (130), each linear non-intersecting continuous bond line of said first plurality intersecting each ~~non-linear~~ linear non-intersecting continuous bond line of said second plurality, said pattern of intersecting bond lines (110) defining unbonded pattern elements (140), each of said pattern elements (140) being ~~at least partially bounded by a non-circular, non-linear segment (150) of one of said bond lines (120, 130), wherein said pattern includes at least 3.2 pattern elements per square centimeter~~ two linear segments and two non-linear segments.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The loop member (100) of Claim 1 wherein each bond line in said first plurality of linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines (120) is disposed at a constant equal distance from adjacent bond lines.
- 4-5 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The loop member (100) of Claim 1, wherein each bond line in said [[first]] second plurality of non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines (120) defines a wave pattern ~~and adjacent bond lines are 180 degrees out of phase.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The loop member (100) of Claim 5, wherein ~~each bond line~~ in said second plurality of non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines (130) ~~defines a wave pattern and~~ adjacent bond lines are 180 degrees out of phase.

7. (Original) The loop member (100) of Claim 1, wherein said nonwoven web (105) is chosen from the group consisting of: spunbond webs, meltblown webs, carded webs, and hydroentangled webs.

8. (Currently Amended) The loop member (100) of Claim 1, wherein said nonwoven web (105) is bonded to a backing member by the pattern of intersecting bond lines.

9. (Previously Presented) The loop member (100) of Claim 8, wherein said backing member is elastomeric, and said nonwoven web (105) is shirred.

10-12. (Cancel)

13. (New) A bond pattern for a nonwoven web suitable for use as a loop member for a mechanical fastener, the bond comprising a pattern of intersecting bond lines, including a first plurality of linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines and a second plurality of non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines, each linear non-intersecting continuous bond line of said first plurality intersecting each non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond line

of said second plurality, said pattern of intersecting bond lines defining unbonded pattern elements, each of said pattern elements being bounded by two linear segments and two non-linear segments.

14. (New) The bond pattern of claim 13 wherein each bond line in said first plurality of linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines is disposed at a constant equal distance from adjacent bond lines.

15. (New) The bond pattern of claim 13 wherein each bond line in said second plurality of non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines defines a wave pattern.

16. (New) The loop member of Claim 15, wherein adjacent bond lines in said second plurality of non-linear non-intersecting continuous bond lines are 180 degrees out of phase.